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Why Go?

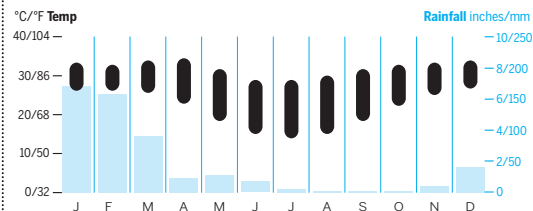
Swashbuckling Broome, sandwiched between desert and sea like Rothko meeting Cezanne, and with a vibrancy of purpose, creativity and disdain for formality, conjures a world that's somehow intangible, yet deeply alluring. People flock here chasing a dream, yet they find a reality like nowhere else. And that's why it's so appealing. It's also home to one of Australia's most iconic attractions, the sublime Cable Beach.

Aboriginal culture runs deep across the region, from the distant Kimberley gorges where ancient Wandjina and Gwion Gwion stand vigil over sacred waterholes, to the welcoming communities of the Dampier Peninsula.

The Kimberley is Australia's last frontier; a wild land of remote, spectacular scenery spread over large distances with a severe climate, sparse population and minimal infrastructure. Unnoticed for many years, it's now the focus for increasing numbers of adventurers willing to explore its vast spinifex plains, towering waterfalls, deep gorges and refreshing pools.

When to Go

Broome



April

The best time for a Kimberley flyover – Mitchell and King George Falls are booming!

May

Enjoy Broome while it's still green before the masses arrive.

September & October

As tourists leave, nature comes out – turtles and migrating birds.

Broome & Around Highlights

- 1 Take a camel ride at sunset along Broome's **Cable Beach** (p202)
- 2 Learn about traditional culture with Aboriginal communities on the pristine **Dampier Peninsula** (p211)
- 3 Tackle the notorious **Gibb River Road** in a 4WD adventure (p214)
- 4 Fly over the amazing waterfalls of **Mitchell and King George Falls** after the Wet (p216)
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- 6 Sit back with a cold drink and enjoy the **Staircase to the Moon** (boxed text, p206)
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